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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAS BEEN CLEARED THROUGH THE BUREAU AND IS IN PROCESS OF BEING CLEARED AT THE DEPARTMENT AND INTRA-DEPARTMENT LEVEL. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THIS DRAFT BY COB THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2. IF EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENT, WOULD APPRECIATE NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT BY AMERICAN FIRMS

-- ENCOURAGE CHOICE OF AMERICAN COMPANIES FOR LARGE
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INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOTT.

-- WORK WITH TRINIDAD'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT BY U.S. FIRMS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

-- ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING SUITABLE TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

II. ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

-- IN ITS ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24, CONSULT WITH THE GOTT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN SUCH AS PUERTO RICO AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- ENCOURAGE TRINIDAD TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DEFINING AND NEGOTIATING ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE ON-GOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPED WORLD, BASED ON ITS OWN INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN, THIRD WORLD OR G-77 SOLIDARITY.

-- ENCOURAGE TRINIDAD TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES AND SECURITY MATTERS.

-- ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

-- ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PREPARING FOR THE 1979 UNCSTD AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REALISTIC PRO-
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POSALS FOR USING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN MEETING DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS

-- MAINTAIN PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY AND THE OPPOSITION.

-- ENSURE THAT POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS ARE AWARE OF KEY U.S. POLICY INITIATIVES AND DECISIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOTT COOPERATION IN CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PROGRAMS

-- ENCOURAGE A U.S. DIALOGUE WITH THE GOTT ON CARIBBEAN PROBLEMS AND ISSUES.

-- SEEK TO DEFUSE CONFLICT BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND TRINIDAD

ON CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROMOTE COORDINATED ASSISTANCE BY BOTH.

-- BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENCOURAGING A CONSTRUCTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND VENEZUELA ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT. -

V. DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL PROGRAMS

-- ENCOURAGE A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AREA.

VI. COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION

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-- ELICIT SUPPORT OF TRINIDADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL NARCOTICS EFFORTS.

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